

## Berry Watches

Free Watches from our boys' department for last week will be presented to Masters Thos. Landrum, 2607 E. Marshall St. and Benjamin Homes, Boydton, Va.



The large cotton mill there was partly wrecked and probably four hundred small houses were demolished or badly damaged. The tornado swept Front Street and wrought great damage there. Many houses were demolished; others were partly damaged. The electric plant was partially wrecked, and to add to the terror of the situation, the city was thrown into total darkness. Lanterns, candles, and even coal oil lamps, were used by the people in seeking places of safety. The tornado also did severe damage on Twenty-second Avenue, between Front and Railroad Streets. Several houses on this avenue were partially wrecked. The work of the storm lasted for only a brief period, many people claiming that the entire destruction was wrought in the brief space of five minutes.

### Buildings Destroyed.

Among the buildings destroyed or practically ruined were those of the Thomas Lyle Grocery Company, Elmhurst Restaurant, Meyer-Neville Hardware Company, Grand Avenue Hotel, Thornton's Transfer Company, Culpepper Hotel, New Orleans and Northeastern freight depot, Young Men's Christian Association building, Meridian Chair Company, the city electric light plant, W. J. Woodside and Company, Pearce-Corpus Company, Cal Comp Company and innumerable smaller buildings, used for homes by working men and negroes.

It is generally understood that there was but little, if any, tornado insurance carried, and the loss will therefore, fall heavily upon the owners of the damaged property.

## CITY PRESENTED A PITIFUL SIGHT

Governor Vardaman and Legislators Survey the Debris and Get to Work.

The city of Meridian was about the most pitiful-looking sight any member of the Mississippi Legislature ever looked upon, when a special train arrived from Jackson late this afternoon, bearing forty Senators and Representatives, Governor Vardaman, the Attorney-General, a railroad commissioner and a correspondent of the Associated Press.

Word had reached Governor Vardaman during the morning that help of a muscular kind was needed in this place, and he immediately requested and received from the Legislature an appropriation of \$5,000 to be used in case of an emergency. At the Rankin county farm 37 convicts, a sergeant and guards were placed on board, and they are now, including the members of the Legislature, at work among the debris.

The funnel-shaped cloud appeared on the horizon east of the city yesterday afternoon at 6:27 o'clock, and with lightning-like rapidity descended upon the town.

The first building of any consequence in its path was the Meridian Fertilizer factory, an immense plant, which was totally wrecked, the strongest timbers being split to shivers.

From there an almost easterly direction was taken by the storm, and Fowell's Survey, in which more than a thousand white people reside, was next struck. Here houses were unroofed, and many were blown completely down. The Meridian Light and Railway Company was next wrecked, the facilities for lighting the town were destroyed, and darkness reigned throughout the streets and buildings which the storm had marked for destruction. Within less time than words can tell, the entire south side of Front Street and the east and west sides of Twenty-second Avenue from Railroad Street was a mass of ruins. Conflagration started, and the sight presented through the lurid flashes of the flames was indescribable.

The only damage done to the immense shops of the New Orleans and Northeastern Railroad, which were directly in the path of the storm, was the unroofing of the roundhouse, which was hurled about 16 feet distant. The freight depot was destroyed. The records, papers and everything contained in the building are lost, the first floor being blown away from under the second. The upper floor was crowded with clerks, but fortunately no one was on the first floor. None of the clerks were more than slightly hurt, and no lives were lost. A row of brick buildings along Twenty-second Avenue from the freight depot to Fifth Street, which were mostly two-story brick buildings of Theodore Sturge, was unroofed, and the Greenwald junk house and many smaller buildings from that corner to Fifth Street were damaged, the fronts being, in many places, blown through the buildings. The store occupied by Fowell and Company was swept from its foundations and buried across Twenty-fifth Avenue and Second Street.

### Prairie Fire in Texas.

(By Associated Press.)  
DOWELL, N. M., March 2.—Over 1,500 acres of fine pasture land in the western part of the Panhandle and just east of Portales, N. M., have been burned in a prairie fire that has been sweeping east and south for two days, and is still being fought by the local fire department. The Yellow House ranch, and L. E. Dyer, one of the largest stock raisers in the Southwest, state that the loss is already \$100,000. Probably a dozen big ranches have been ruined by the fire.

### Ended His Own Suffering.

(By Associated Press.)  
MERIDIAN, MISS., March 2.—One of the sad tragedies of the epidemic was the suicide of C. H. Williams, floor manager

## Our Annual March Sale of Season-Old Spring Suits Begins To-Morrow.



Men's Brought-over Spring and Fall Suits, that sold up to \$20, only

**\$9.75**

That sold up to \$28.00, only

**\$12.50**

The sale of Winter Suits up to \$20.00, at \$9.75, is still in progress.

Boys' Brought-Over Spring and Fall Suits

That were \$5.00 now.....\$2.85

That were \$7.00 now.....\$3.50

That were \$8.50 now.....\$4.75

Including Double-Breasted, Norfolk and the various juvenile styles.

Boys' Brought-Over Washable Suits

That sold up to \$3.00 at.....75c

That sold up to \$5.00 at.....\$1.50

It seems wicked to cut them so—they look so good, young, fresh and strong.

## O. H. Berry & Co.

## LIEUT. SCHARRER WINS WILHELMINA BUSCH



(By Associated Press.)  
PASADENA, CAL., March 3.—Miss Wilhelmina Busch, daughter of Adolphus Busch, of St. Louis, and Lieutenant Edward A. Scharrer, of Stuttgart, Germany, an officer of the German army, were married this afternoon at the



Church of the Angels, just outside of this city. Rev. T. E. Runkle, rector of the church, performed the ceremony according to the Episcopal service, and Right Rev. Joseph H. Johnson, bishop of Los Angeles, blessed the couple. The evening reception was tendered Lieutenant and Mrs. Scharrer at the winter home of the bride's parents in this city. About fifty friends of the family from St. Louis, Chicago, Washington and New York were present.

To-morrow Lieutenant Scharrer and his bride will leave for the East in a private car.

## Faulty Digestion

Causes Physical and Mental Breakdown.  
Milkona Will Strengthen Stomach.

Few people realize the intimate relation between the mind and the stomach. Worry and excessive mental work react on the digestive system, while on the other hand the greatest cause of nerve and brain impoverishment is a weak or faulty digestion.

When the stomach does not assimilate the elements of strength and nerve force, that are in the food we eat, the energies we expend in the active processes of life are not replaced, and physical and mental breakdown results.

If the stomach does not have action, it soon becomes unable to act, just the same as a muscle that is not used becomes weak and valueless. Just as soon as you find that your food is not properly digested, that you taste it after eating, that the tongue is furled, the breath heavy, the appetite poor, the head occasionally dull and aching, begin the use of Milkona.

This reliable remedy contains no poison, and is an absolute strengthening of the digestive system. In fact, it is a guaranteed cure for all diseases of the stomach, including indigestion. It is not a potent medicine, and its strength is furnished by purest ingredients, and has intelligent people who have used it, all of whom differ from any other remedy on the market in its lasting effects.

Milkona does not do a job. If you cannot obtain Milkona at your dealer, it will be sent by mail, with full directions for use. Sample will be sent to show its value. Write for one at once. The B. T. Booth Co., Boston, Mass.

## D-E-L-I-G-H-T-E-D, SAYS LONGWORTH

Son-in-Law of President Emphasizes Favored Expression in Speaking of Trip.

(By Associated Press.)  
SAVANNAH, GA., March 2.—"The most delightful trip I ever had," said Mr. Nicholas Longworth this afternoon, as he stood in the door of the private car Grammer, as his train stopped here for a few minutes en route to Washington.

"Our trip to Cuba was one of endless delight," he said, as his wife, sitting near, smiled her approval.

It was suggested that a trip to Savannah and Roswell, Ga., would be in order, as both places were deeply interesting to the bride as her maternal ancestor had resided in both, and yet that they had claims upon her and himself since he had become a member of the family, and also that his grandfather had once resided here when a young man.

"We would like to visit them," said Mr. Longworth, "and I expect we will at some later date. My wife is especially anxious to visit both places. We have had the greatest time in our lives, still busy in eating and we are both glad to get back to take up once more the serious duties of life."

Only Two Houses Left.  
(By Associated Press.)  
ANTANARIVO, ISLAND OF MADAGASCAR, March 3.—Details of the destruction caused by the waterspout which recently destroyed the village of Mahanoro show that only two houses were left standing. Thirty bodies have been recovered. All the Europeans were injured and the material losses were very heavy. The Italian schooner Africa was thrown upon the beach and the French brig Lucienne was engulfed and disappeared.

## PRESERVE FORESTS IN THE MOUNTAINS

Interstate Congress Delegates Meet in Charlotte and Formulate Plans.

### MANY NOTABLE MEN PRESENT

Delegates Will Meet in Washington and Urge Passage of Pending Bill.

Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 3.—A distinguished gathering of delegates, composing the Interstate Forestry Congress, and representing the States interested in the preservation of the Appalachian forests, met here to-night and formulated plans for bringing the matter of the Appalachian Park in a practical way before the national government. The plans will embrace the formation of State forestry associations in Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, and the appointment of a delegation from each of the States interested to meet at Washington and urge the passage of the bill now pending in Congress looking to the establishment and maintenance of the forest preserve in the Appalachian Mountains.

### Governor Glenn Presided.

Governor Glenn, of North Carolina, presided at the sessions, and among the notable men present were (Glenn Planchet, chief forester of the United States; Alfred Akerman, State forester of Massachusetts; Alfred Gaskill, of the United States Forestry Department; Governor Terrell, of Georgia; United States Hydrographer Newell, Mayor Smythe, of Charleston; Senator McCready, of Kentucky; Congressman Page and many other notable scientific men.

The sessions were held in the Academy of Music, and in the afternoon a reception was tendered the visitors in the parlors of the Southern Manufacturers' Club. Addresses were made by the forestry experts present, and a number of the delegates made brief speeches, all on the topic of forest preservation, and all sounding the keynote of the urgent need of governmental control.

### The Resolution.

After reciting in the preamble the rapid denuding of the forests of the Appalachian region and the ensuing evil consequences, the resolutions say:

"Resolved, That the governments of each of the States interested in perpetuation of the Appalachian forests be urged to appoint a committee of three to arrange for organizing State forestry associations, to secure national action in behalf of this forest preserve, state action in behalf of local forest developments and the appointment of State foresters.

Second—"That the chairmen of Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and each of the New England States to co-operate with himself in appointing five delegates from each of these States to meet in Washington at a date to be fixed by the chairman to urge the passage of the bill now pending in Congress looking to the establishment and maintenance of forest reserves in the Appalachian and White Mountains.

Third—"That the Senators and Representatives in Congress from the States adjacent to Appalachian regions be earnestly urged to do everything in their power to secure the passage of these bills."

### Call On the Public.

In closing the resolutions call on the public press of each of the country and the Governors of the States interested to actively exert their influence in behalf of this important movement.

Governor Glenn will be chairman of the North Carolina Delegation.

The following composed the committee on resolutions: State Geologist, J. A. Holmes, J. F. Hayes, Tokaway, N. C.; A. T. Smythe, Charleston, S. C.; D. A. Tompkins, Charlotte, and Alfred Akerman, State Forester of Massachusetts.

The members of said committee shall receive for their service, the sum of four dollars each, per day, for the time actually engaged in the investigation, and their actual expenses. The said committee shall have power to employ a stenographer and expert accountant, if necessary; and shall have the assistance of a sergeant-at-arms, who shall be paid the sum of four dollars per day for the time actually employed.

Attention has been attracted to the anomalous clause in the resolution providing for open sessions, but censored press reports. The resolution as originally drafted called for executive sessions, into which the representatives of the press would be admitted by the understanding that the reports to be printed would first be approved by the committee. When he struck out the word "executive" and inserted "open," referring to the sessions, Mr. Sailer forgot to eliminate the reference to the press reports. This accounts for the anomaly. The committee, of course, will not hold open sessions, and then attempt to dictate the accounts of them that are to be given to the public not able to attend in person.

The village of Thurma near the arsenal, was completely swept away.

It consisted of the mission buildings, and homes of native converts of the reorganized Latter Day Saints mission, formerly under the direction of Captain Joseph Burton, of California. The mission house and a great many houses were carried off to a distance of many hundreds of yards and demolished.

Of the church edifice, not a vessel remains. A settlement about an eighth of a mile distant, comprised of dwellings of several hundred Cook Islanders (British subjects) was completely destroyed. One American named Zefield, living near that community, had to take to an adjacent swamp, which became isolated, and he was compelled to battle with the waves for many hours. Further east on the beach road, all the houses were swept away for about half a mile.

About a clock in the morning the American consul, the oldest structure in Papeete, having been built about 1835, collapsed. In the absence of the American consul, his mother, Mrs. Doty, supervised the removal of the archives, which were several millions. Mrs. Doty was in serious jeopardy several times. The records were temporarily stored at the Latter Day Saints' mission house, Mr. Doty's family also accepted their hospitality. Beyond the American consulate, several government buildings, including the treasury and storehouses, sustained great damage.

## PAINS IN THE BACK

Mrs. A. W. Switzer, of Toronto, Can., who suffered intensely from inflammation of the kidneys and bladder, cured by Warner's Safe Cure. A trial bottle of Warner's Safe Cure, the great kidney and bladder cure, sent ABSOLUTELY FREE to every reader of the Sunday "Times-Dispatch" who suffers from kidney, liver, bladder or blood disease.

## IT WAS MY KIDNEYS!

Thousands of men and women have kidney disease and do not know it until it is too late.



MRS. A. W. SWITZER.

### IF IN DOUBT MAKE THIS TEST:

Put some urine in a glass; after it stands twenty-four hours, if you find a reddish, brick-dust sediment in it, or particles floating in the urine, or the urine is milky or cloudy, you will know your kidneys are in a diseased condition and are unable to perform their work; the result will be the bladder and urinary organs will become inflamed, uric acid will poison the blood, the stomach will become affected and unable to digest the food, the system will become weak, and the result will be a breakdown of the general health, with Bright's disease or diabetes, which will prove fatal if not treated with promptness and great care.

Warner's Safe Pills taken with Warner's Safe Cure move the bowels gently and aid a speedy cure. WARNER'S SAFE CURE is now put up in two sizes, and is sold by all druggists, or direct, at 50 cents and \$1.00 a bottle. Refuse substitutes containing harmful drugs, which injure the system.

**Trial Bottle Free.** To convince every sufferer from diseases of the kidneys, liver, bladder and blood that WARNER'S SAFE CURE will cure them, a trial bottle will be sent, ABSOLUTELY FREE, postpaid, to any one who will write WARNER'S SAFE CURE CO., Rochester, N. Y., and mention having seen this liberal offer in the Sunday "Times-Dispatch." The genuineness of this offer is fully guaranteed. Our doctors will also send a medical booklet containing descriptions of symptoms and treatment of each disease, and many convincing testimonials free to every one.

## TO INVESTIGATE HOSPITAL AT ONCE

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to be appointed by the president of the Senate, and three members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the speaker of the House, to investigate the management of the Eastern State Hospital, and the conduct of the officers and employees of said institution. Said investigation to include the special board's management and fitness, or the individual fitness, of any one of them and any other matter deemed pertinent to said investigation for the good of said hospital.

The said committee shall sit at the Eastern State Hospital, and shall have power to summon witnesses and take and preserve testimony, and to call for, and have produced, all books, records and papers, whatsoever relating to the conduct of the affairs of said hospital. The said committee shall meet at the call of the chairman, as soon as practicable, after the adjournment of the present session of the General Assembly, and shall make report to the Governor and also to the General Hospital Board, immediately after the conclusion of the investigation. The said committee shall likewise make a report to the next session of the General Assembly, and file with its report the written evidence upon which such report is based.

The session of said committee shall be open, but no report shall be made by the press, except by and with the consent and approval of the committee.

Why, then, the thought, that life forego, Preferring earth to heaven?

In faith we'll tread the thorny path, Sustained by hope unfailing, Till we come at the Master's call, Eternal love prevailing.

March 4, 1906. A FRIEND.

What Sulphur Does  
For the Human Body in Health and Disease

The mention of sulphur will recall to many of us the early days when our mothers and grandmothers gave us our daily dose of sulphur and molasses every spring and fall.

It was the universal spring and fall "blood purifier," tonic and cure-all, and, indeed, this old-fashioned remedy was not without merit.

The idea was good, but the remedy was crude and unpalatable, and a large quantity of it had to be taken to produce any effect.

Nowadays we get all the beneficial effects of sulphur in a palatable, concentrated form, so that a single grain is far more effective than a tablespoonful of the crude sulphur.

In recent years, research and experiment have proven that the best sulphur for medicinal purposes is that obtained from Calcium (Calcium Sulphide) and sold in drug stores under the name of Stuart's Calcium Waters. They are small, chocolate-colored pills, and contain the medicinal principle of sulphur in a highly concentrated, effective form.

Few people are aware of the value of this form of sulphur in restoring and maintaining bodily vigor and health; sulphur acts directly on the liver and excretory organs, and purifies the blood by the prompt elimination of waste material.

Our grandmothers knew this when they gave us that old-fashioned remedy every spring and fall, but the crudity and impurity of ordinary flowers of sulphur were often worse than the disease, and cannot compare with the modern concentrated preparations of sulphur, of which Stuart's Calcium Waters is undoubtedly the best and most valuable.

They are the natural antidote for liver and kidney troubles, and cure constipation and purify the blood in a way that often surprises patient and physician alike.

Dr. R. M. Watkins, while experimenting with sulphur remedies, soon found that the sulphur from Calcium was superior to any other form. He says: "For liver, kidney and blood troubles, especially when resulting from indigestion or chills, I have been surprised at the results obtained from Stuart's Calcium Waters. In patients suffering from boils and pimples, and in cases of skin eruptions, it has been repeatedly seen them dry up and disappear in four or five days, leaving the skin clear and smooth. Although Stuart's Calcium Waters is a powerful purgative, and sold by druggists, and for that reason tabooed by many physicians, yet I know of nothing so effective for constipation, liver and kidney troubles, and especially in all forms of skin disease, as this remedy."

They are, therefore, people who are tired of pills, cathartics and so-called blood "purifiers," will find in Stuart's Calcium Waters a far safer, more palatable and effective preparation.

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